Oil exploration in Nagaland by ONGC

1710. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is planning to resume oil explorations in Nagaland shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the exploration work is likely to be resumed;

(c) whether the reasons for abandoning the exploration work in 1994 have since disappeared; and

(d) whether the exploration work would be initiated in other potential areas of North-Eastern zone also and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Exploration and production of hydrocarbons in Nagaland were suspended by ONGC since 1993 and 1994 respectively because of prevalent conditions. While attempts, are being made to create a conducive atmosphere for resumption of exploration and production work, it is not possible to indicate a specific time frame therefor.

(d) The exploration work for hydrocarbons is in progress in other States of North-Eastern Region, like Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura.

Share of ONGC and OIL in crude oil production

†1711. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the separate percentage increase in the prices of petroleum products and total amount of revenue gained from the increase;

(b) the share of ONGC and Oil India Limited in the production of crude oil every year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.